GRANTS

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- <u>L</u>ibrary <u>S</u>ervices and <u>T</u>echnology <u>A</u>ct
- Provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
- Competitive subgrants
    - Technology
    - Digitization
- Statewide initiatives
- Special opportunities

INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES

Public Service/Social Organizations

- Kiwanis

- Lions Club

- Rotary

Community Foundations

□ Contact yours

Other Indiana Grants

- Indiana Humanities
- Indiana Historical Society
- Community Development Block Grants
- Indiana Historic Preservation Fund Grants
- Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB)

Federal Grants

- IMLS

- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

- National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Foundations/Corporations

- AT&T
- Bank of America
- Barnes & Noble
- Build-A-Bear
- Dollar General
- Lowes
- Target
- Verizon
- Wal-Mart

Where to find grants

- Grants.gov

- Foundation Center/Funding Information Network

- Indiana Philanthropy Alliance

- Librarygrants.blogspot.com

- ISL Grants Portal

  - ALA Grants

  - Suggested reading

  - Scholarships/fellowships

Tips for Grantwriting

1. Start early, and ask colleagues for advice/help.
2. Only apply for grants that meet an identified need of your library. Don't just chase $$$.
3. Locate grant-making organizations with goals that match your project.
4. Read the guidelines thoroughly. Read about previous recipients.
5. Follow the instructions provided by the grantmaker. Check deadlines. Answer all questions and include all the necessary parts. If any part of the application is confusing, contact the grant program officer for help.

More tips

6. Don't give up if an application isn't funded.
   - Ask for feedback as to why your grant application was denied.
   - Ask about any opportunities for resubmitting the grant.
7. New applicants make common mistakes.
   - Too little detail
   - Insufficient justification for need
   - Unrealistic ambition
8. Become a reviewer so you can think like a reviewer.

Grant training

- Lyrasis
- IU/IUPUI ILS
- IU/IUPUI Center on Philanthropy
- Foundation Center's Grant Space
- Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network

Books and Blogs

- Books
  - *The ALA book of library grant money*
  - *Grants for libraries: a how-to-do-it manual*
  - *Librarian's handbook for seeking, writing, and managing grants.*
- Websites/blogs
  - Shaping Outcomes
  - Library Grants – librarygrants.blogspot.com
  - Other state/university websites